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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

The Book Clubs

irty-six ministers accepted the ation of the Conference to share ie book clubs. Many sent in a list ooks desired. A committee con- ng of Rev. W. B. Thorp, Rev. Gail nd and Rev. Ralph Waddell made selection of titles, and the books been purchased and are being ed.

ere are four groups of nine min- s. A different book is being mailed ach of the nine. After keeping the for three weeks the minister is ail it to the next man in his group irected on the fly-leaf. Each man rns his last book to the office. se who desire to purchase the s at half-price after the circle is pleted should register their re- ts at the office at as early a date ossible. The titles selected are as ws:

Whither Christianity. Hough.

Mahatma Ghandi's Ideas. An- ws.

Theism and the Modern Mood. ton.

The Place of Jesus Christ in lern Christianity. Baillie.

Mrs. Eddy. Dakin.

The Day Before Yesterday. Mof-

Tiger! Tiger! Morrow.

Behaviorism! A Battle Line. King.

The Renaissance of Jesus. Tolson.

embers of the clubs, by keeping above list, will know the order in ch the books are to come. For ex- ple, if book No. 3 is received first, k No. 4 will come next and book 2 will come last. No new members be received in this series of clubs.

Book Service

he Pacific is happy to announce a service to its readers to be known THE PACIFIC BOOK SERVICE. order to better meet the needs of churches we have added addi- nal shelf space in the office and putting in stock practically all of publications of the Pilgrim Press luding helps for Sunday School kers and the books of lessons in closely graded series for both chers and pupils. We will also have mall stock of the uniform lesson ps for sale. The prices charged are same as those by the publisher we prepay postage. It is hoped t later on the books put out by er publishers will be made avail- e to our readers. We will make it ule of the office that all orders are warded on the day in which they received if we have the stock on id.

COMING EVENTS

une 25-29—State C. E. Convention Sacramento.

uly 8-18—M. E. M. Conference, Asil- ar.

August 2-9—Northern California ngregational Conference and Young ople's Conference, at Asilomar.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2—Pacific Slope Con- ss, Berkeley.

Pastoral Conference, Pacific School Religion, Feb. 3, 4 and 5, 1931.

Road through the Pines - Asilomar

Young People's Conference, August 2-9

COURSES

A choice will be given each age group at each period. Each delegate is expected to elect and attend a class at each period.

COLLEGE AGE GROUP

FIRST PERIOD:
1. Religion and Science....Dr. Swartz
2. Dramatics.....Professor Wood

SECOND PERIOD:
1. Methods of Young People's Work: Worship.....Mr. Buckham
2. Primary and Junior Teaching.... Mrs. Byrne
3. Boys' Leadership in the Church.... Mr. Lindsay

THIRD PERIOD:
1. Poetry of the Bible—Dr. Fisher
2. Congregationalism.....Dr. Breed

FOURTH PERIOD:
1. Race Relations.....Dr. Waddell
2. Missions—India.....Dr. Davis

HIGH SCHOOL GROUP

FIRST PERIOD:
1. Methods of Young People's Work; Worship.....Mr. Buckham
2. Jesus and his Teachings.....

SECOND PERIOD:
1. Missions—India.....Dr. Davis
2. Race Relations.....Dr. Waddell

THIRD PERIOD:
1. Dramatics.....Profesor Wood
2. How the Bible Came to Us..... Mr. Price

FOURTH PERIOD:
1. Poetry of the Bible.....Dr. Fisher
2. Congregationalism.....Dr. Breed

"SINNERS TO REPENTANCE"

Josiah Royce once remarked, "The modern man does not believe in hell, and he is too busy to think about his sins." The vast complexity of modern life, with its bewildering entanglement of corporate action, stock ownership, representative government, and the ever-increasing pressure on our daily time schedule, has deadened our sense of personal moral responsibility. Amid a thousand temptations, it is easy for a man to forget that he is a sinner.

Our "Social Gospel," splendid though it is, has sometimes obscured the need for personal decency. The other day, a youth of my acquaintance argued that a bootlegger can be a Christian; for, said he, "Cannot a bootlegger be kind hearted toward his family, helpful toward his neighbors, and generous toward the poor and needy? And did not Christ say, 'Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me'?"

Has the Church lost its ethical earnestness? If it has, then this is indeed a sad day for the Church; men of virility and women of character will no longer look to the pulpit for moral leadership, and young men of high moral passion will no longer seek the Christian ministry as an avenue for their life labor.

I do not believe that the ethical note has been altogether lost, but I do believe that it has failed to receive sufficient emphasis. "Be ye clean, ye that bear the vessels of the Lord" may well become the battle cry of a new reformation. Upon this point, Jesus Christ was positive: "Whoso committeth sin is the slave of sin. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Be ye perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."

The demand for plain and simple honesty, the insistence upon integrity of character, the call for personal purity, and the uncompromising claim of the sinless life—these lie at the very heart of the Christian message. And no program of social service can possibly command the total allegiance of men, if these ethical mandates are missing. The men and women who would follow Christ must cut loose from sin, or they can have no place with him. The imperious requirements of discipleship are as absolute today as they were "in the days of his flesh." God send us men who are brave enough to proclaim this truth, and who are also wise enough to carry this truth to actual fulfilment in living flesh and blood.

—*GAIL CLELAND.*

WHO'S WHO ON THE FACULTY

Dr. Herman F. Swartz is President of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

Professor W. C. Wood is head of the Department of Dramatics of the College of the Pacific.

Dr. Katherine Scott is professor in the Union Women's Medical College, Vellore, India.

Rev. Sidney Buckham is Director of Religious Education in the Southern California Congregational Conference.

Mrs. Walter Byrne is one of the leaders in our church at Santa Cruz.

Mr. William T. Lindsay is Executive of the Petaluma Area Scout Council.

Dr. Miles B. Fisher is Associate Minister of First Church, Berkeley.

Dr. Ralph C. Waddell is Associate Minister of First Church, Oakland.

Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Minister of the Pioneer Memorial Church, Sacramento, will preach at the Sunday morning service. His subject will be: "To Serve the Present Age."

Note: Interesting evening programs are being arranged, including addresses by Dr. Harley H. Gill, Superintendent of the Conference; Dr. Charles E. Burton, Secretary of the National Council. There will be stunts, fireside and beach meetings.

CONFERENCE OFFICERS

Dr. Noel J. Breed, Director.
Rev. James H. Price, Dean of Men.
Mrs. L. M. Drury, Dean of Women.
Dr. Gail Cleland, Chaplain.

CACOYPA OFFICERS

Mr. Wesley Campbell, Santa Cruz, President.

Miss Eileen Foster, Hayward, Vice-President.

Mr. Albert Voris, Petaluma, Secretary and Treasurer.

WHAT IS THE COST?

Board and room in the tent-houses will be $15.75 for the Conference period.

The first meal is luncheon Saturday, August 2nd. The last meal is breakfast Saturday, August 9th.

Registration fee $2.00 if paid by July 15th. $2.50 if paid later. No registration fee will be refunded.

Send the registration fee to the Director, Noel J. Breed, 1 Keller street, Petaluma.

NEW ACCESSIONS

Previously noted	427
San Rafael	6
Tulare	8
Fresno, Japanese	20
Fresno, Free Cross	113
Cloverdale	6
San Francisco— Bethany—Miss. Pk.	29
Total	609

Apologies are due to Rev. C. L. Kloss. In spite of extreme care in the office his name was transferred from the bottom of the special article on the front page to an insignificant item on page 2. We are glad to give credit to Dr. Kloss for his splendid editorial entitled "Positive Folk."

First Five Months

Below is listed the receipts of the Conference treasurer for all benevolences from each church for the first five months of the year, compared with a like period of a year ago. It appears that in spite of earnest effort to secure remittances early in the year, that we are not quite holding our own. How does your church stand?

	1929	1930
Adin	37.00	—
Alameda First	5.00	—
Alturas	40.00	41.61
Angels' Camp	—	—
Antioch	—	—
Auburn	—	—
Bay Point	—	—
Benicia	—	11.00
Berkeley Bethany	—	—
Berkeley First	3,266.64	2,880.00
Berkeley North	603.13	564.47
Berkeley Park	—	43.10
Biola	—	—
Campbell	112.00	125.00
Ceres	295.00	190.00
Cloverdale	136.70	118.50
Cotati	35.64	8.66
Crockett	54.56	50.00
Dinuba	—	—
Etna Mills	—	3.00
Eureka	15.85	102.60
Fairfax	35.00	50.00
Ferndale	83.45	92.00
Fowler	—	—
Fresno First	234.28	360.72
Fresno Japanese	—	—
Fresno Kreuz	—	—
Fresno Pilgrim	—	—
Fresno Zion	—	—
Glen Ellen	—	—
Grass Valley	59.13	59.66
Guerneville	—	—
Hayfork	—	—
Hayward	—	—
Kenwood	—	10.02
Lewiston	—	—
Lockeford	15.00	—
Lodi First	700.00	550.00
Lodi Ebenezer	—	—
Loomis	—	—
Los Gatos	36.00	50.00
Martinez	74.19	51.25
Murphys	20.00	—
Niles	10.00	—
Oakland Calvary	—	—
Oakland First	2,242,00	2,160.00
Oakland Fruitvale	—	—
Oakland Olivet	53.50	42.85
Oakland Pilgrim	150.50	77.26
Oakland Plymouth	194.79	373.55
Orland	30.00	—
Oroville	135.00	60.00
Pacific Grove	186.40	30.20
Palo Alto	875.00	600.00
Paradise	40.00	33.00
Parlier	—	—
Petaluma	106.00	91.25
Pittsburg	35.55	40.25
Porterville	40.00	30.00
Redwood City	—	200.00
Reedley	—	10.00
Reno, Nevada	131.96	111.40
Rio Vista	—	—
Ripon	11.43	14.04
Sacramento	244.00	263.60
Salida	10.00	30.00
San Carlos	—	7.50
San Francisco		
Bethany	—	60.77
Calvary	20.00	—
Chinese	—	—
First	1,000.00	750.00
Mission Park	—	41.10
Ocean View	—	—
Richmond	22.29	26.00
Sanger	—	—
San Jose	430.85	410.00
San Juan	—	—
San Leandro	26.48	57.18
San Lorenzo	—	20.00
San Mateo	10.00	283.73
San Rafael	—	5.00
Santa Cruz	281.41	365.00
Santa Rosa First	200.93	214.16
Saratoga	10.00	235.00
Sebastopol	29.05	47.85
Sonoma	86.84	95.85
Soquel	—	—
Stockton	550.00	517.00
Suisun	—	45.00
Sunnyvale	—	50.00
Sunol Glen	—	—
Tipton	—	30.00
Tulare	83.25	50.00
Weaverville	15.00	15.00
Woodside	56.00	43.50
Miscellaneous	382.10	598.13
	13,568.90	13,496.76

Rev. J. K. Fukushima is a busy man. In addition to looking after the Japanese Church in Fresno, he covers a large territory in the San Joaquin Valley. He has driven his automobile 18,000 miles in the past fifteen months.

Rev. Robert James Allen of Trinity County has opened work at Trinity Center, speaking once a month, visiting the people, and distributing literature.

OUR GREATEST CONFERENCE

The State Conference meeting at Asilomar, August 2-9, promises to be one of the best in our history.

The ministers will have the rare opportunity of five hours in Seminar, under the leadership of Dr. Charles E. Burton, secretary of the National Council, on the general theme of "The Minister and His Message." Laymen will be accorded the privilege of listening in. At the same hours the women will discuss various phases of their work.

Rev. Lawrence Wilson of Sacramento, a member of a recent travel party to Russia, will give a series of three addresses: "The Ideology of Communism," "The Bolshevist Experiment in Abolishing Morality" and "The Campaign Against Religion in Russia." At the same hour on other days Rev. John Howland, formerly of Mexico, will give two addresses: "Our Nearest Neighbor and Her Problems" and "Education in Mexico."

Rev. H. A. Shuder of the San Quentin Prison will speak on "What California is Doing in a Religious and Educational Way for Her Prisoners," and Rev. A. H. Briggs of the Anti-Saloon League will present the theme: "Prohibition from the American Point of View."

Dr. Herman F. Swartz will be heard with interest on some phase of his recent journey. Rev. T. T. Giffen will be in charge of the memorial service, Rev. Gail Cleland will preach the Sunday morning sermon. Rev. Robert James Allen will tell us of "The Church on California's Frontier," and Rev. Norman Pendleton will speak on "The United Church at Work." Rev. E. F. W. Swan, pastor of the Piedmont Community Church, is to give an evening address on "Nature and Personality," and this will be followed by the commissioning service of Miss Doris Fall Smith, who is soon to sail for missionary service under the American Board in Japan. Superintendent Harley H. Gill will speak on the first afternoon on the theme: "Turning a Proverb Upside Down." The closing Fireside Fellowship service will be in charge of Rev. Hugh Vernon White of Stockton.

In order that there may be no neglect of a spiritual side of our work Rev. Norman B. Henderson has been asked to conduct a daily devotional service and also the Sunday evening communion.

All sessions of the Conference are open to the public, and the largest possible attendance of the people of our churches is desired. Upon the official roll of the Conference each church is entitled to two delegates, with an additional delegate for each full hundred members above 200, but in no case to exceed five.

In accordance with the custom of the Conference, railroad fares in excess of $5 will be refunded to the pastors of churches.

As in former years, there will be a registration fee of $3 for the Conference period or 50 cents a day. This registration fee furnishes the pool by which the railroad fares over $5 are paid to pastors.

Young children will be cared for by a responsible leader between the hours of 8:45 and 12 a.m. each day.

Prices of Entertainment

Open tenthouses	$15.75
Enclosed tenthouses	17.50
Guest Inn	19.25
Lodge	$22.75 to 29.75
Scripps House	26.65 to 29.75

All rates are for two in a room, except the single rooms in the Lodge and Scripps. Children's rates: under five years, one-half of Conference rate. Five to ten years, two-thirds of Conference rate.

For less than the Conference period the rates are slightly higher and are computed by the day.

OUR SLIDE SERVICE

The Commission on Missions has recently revised its plan for slides, and has created quite a number of additional depositories. In doing this, they have drawn from our supply in San Francisco the greater number of our sets, so that we are allocated now only ten sets at a time. These sets will be changed about twice a year, in September and January. In making your plans, please be sure to ask for only those sets which are on deposit here at the time. As the changes are made we will print the new lists in The Pacific, so you will be advised what the new sets are, as well as those that we may have left, as not all sets will be changed each time. The ten sets which we now have are as follows:

Farm, Field and Factory in Japan.
Four Thousand Miles Through Africa.
The Upward Trail in Shaowu.
The American Board Around the World.
Glimpses in the Marathi Mission.
Out Among the Red Men, Learning All About Them.
Climbing Jacob's Ladder.
Mission Projects.
Home Missions Under Southern Skies.
The Story of a Religious Adventure.

In addition to these sets, we will have the two illustrated hymn sets:

America the Beautiful.
Faith of Our Fathers.

And also about thirty-five hymn slides. In ordering hymn slides, please give us a choice, in case some of those you order are not in the office.

We will be glad to be of service to our churches in shipping out these slides. Our pastors may be interested to know that we have recently received some light weight shipping cases for the American Board sets, so the express charges will not be excessive.

WE THANK YOU

"I cannot express my thanks for your ever thoughtful care of me. I often wish you could drop in and see with your own eyes the joy and comfort which are given by the checks from the Board of Ministerial Relief. I am so thankful for the grant, for it is all that I have on which to live."

So writes a lovely old lady past 70 years of age, a pensioner of the Board of Relief, living in the Middle West. Her husband gave 56 years of service in the ministry and died in 1922 at the advanced age of 88 years. She is absolutely alone in the world. What can be more beautiful Christian service than to help in providing for those who have given themselves freely for Christ and His Church and now are left dependent in their old age?

Another one of our annuitants writes: "As the check I received this morning came on my 82nd birthday, I cannot withhold saying, 'Thank You' to you and to all who have been instrumental in bringing into my life all the comforts and happiness that this represents."

First Church Oakland has been made exceedingly happy by the gift to the church for a manse of a lovely home on Lenox Avenue by one of the members of the church. On Wednesday evening, May 21, Dr. and Mrs. Van Horn held open house and greeted a large number of the members of the church. A brief dedicatory service was conducted by the Conference Superintendent. The Pacific hopes that many people throughout our Conference will find the joy of giving a home to the church for the use of the minister.

Pacific Slope Congress

One of our eminent negro minist Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, has just cepted an invitation to be one of speakers at the Pacific Slope Cong which is to be held in Berkeley, tember 30, October 1 and 2, 1930.

Dr. Kingsley is pastor of the Ch of the Good Shepherd in the g black belt of the south side in cago, and is also the superinten of negro work in the north for Church Extension Boards. He highly educated colored minister, a speaker of great power.

Two noted foreign missionaries expected. Mr. Lloyd Lorbeer, of own California, who will reach United States on furlough from I just in time for the Congress, and H. B. Newell of Japan and Korea

Dr. H. F. Swartz will be in ch of a fact finding session, in which problems of the Pacific Slope a and the progress of our churches, fearlessly examined.

Our readers will remember prev announcements of the coming of Charles E. Jefferson, for 25 years tor of Broadway Tabernacle; Dr. F B. Smith, moderator of the Nati Council of Congregational Churc Dr. Lewis T. Reed, secretary of Ministerial Boards; and Miss M Preston, secretary of the Commis on Missions.

Plans are under way for securi registration of more than one t sand, of which five hundred are t men attending the great men's quet on October 1.

The Sea Scouts, organized by J. H. Bennett at Campbell, rece were presented with flags deno that they have won second p among the Sea Scouts of the Un States. The presentation was mad Mr. T. J. Keans of New York.

Our church at Santa Cruz rece had a beautiful and impressive ser with the ordination of deacons deaconesses. The prayer of conse tion was offered by Rev. Grant Sh fer, and the charge was given by pastor, Rev. Heber St. Clair Mah A candlelight service was held Holy Thursday at which 28 new m bers were received, making a tota 48 since January 1st.

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Hereafter The Pacific will be lished ten months in the year ins of eleven. Heretofore we have om the July issue. This year we will the August issue as well. Your Pacific will be out September 1. How is your subscription?

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

Coldbrook Camp

The Board of Directors of the Conference have secured an option on a beautiful location at the north fork of the San Gabriel Valley, 19 miles north of Azuza. It is easily accessible, covered with trees, with plenty of water, making it an ideal place for a Conference grounds. It is called Coldbrook Camp. The camp could be opened today, with some small improvements, to take care of some 75 people. There is ample room for as many buildings as necessary, as the area of the camp is 21 acres. A number of buildings and various improvements are on the property today. There is a dining room and kitchen that would take care of 75 guests. There is an office and sitting room, and in both dining room and sitting room is an open fireplace made of the boulders on the property. There is a camp store, about 35 by 12 feet, and nine small houses taking care of two, three or four people in each. There are some 35 tent houses, but many of these are of no account and all of them must have considerable work done to make them useful. Considerable furniture is on the property and could be used for a time. There are about 100 cots and mattresses in good shape, camp stoves, etc. The place is piped for water and acetylene gas, but electric light and power is now being run right across the property and this can and should be used by the camp.

It was Dr. Kenngott's idea that out of our 118 churches perhaps 40 or more would like to erect their own mountain cabins, housing from five to six or as many as twenty people, there being plenty of room for this purpose. Such a plan would take care of 300 or 400 people on special occasions when these buildings might be turned over to the camp, making it possible to entertain a large crowd up to the limit of such buildings, and this in addition to the usual camp facilities.

The camp can be opened today with some small improvements to take care of 75 people. It has been the experience of other camps that about 50 per cent of the guests want to keep house, and arrangements for this purpose are part of our plans.

It was suggested that out of the 118 churches in the Conference, perhaps 40 or more would like to erect their own mountain cabins, housing from five to six, or as many as 20 people. Such a plan would take care of three or four hundred people on special occasions when these buildings might be turned over to the camp. What a wonderful place for our Young People's Conference and for the annual meeting—cool, quiet and restful. This wonderful camp can be secured for about $7,500. A special committee has been appointed to investigate the possibility of securing this wonderful location for our Conference.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Registrations for the annual conference of Congregational young people are coming in rapidly. The program for the 1930 conference is now complete. Lodging can not be guaranteed to those whose names are not in by June 15. Please send your application blanks to Sidney H. Buckham, 606 Spreckels Bldg., Los Angeles.

Read Special Notice to Subscribers on page two, column four.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AT CLAREMONT

The forty-fourth annual meeting of the Southern California Congregational Conference was held at the Claremont Congregational Church, May 12 to 14. It was felt to be one of the most successful and interesting meetings that the Conference has held in recent years.

The main drawback lay in the fact that a number of the most prominent men were unable to be there. Dr. George F. Kenngott, who had attended every meeting for the past 15 years, was there in spirit though not in person. Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, for many years the treasurer, was also absent. Dr. Roy Campbell of San Diego could not be present on account of a nervous breakdown and Dr. A. D. Stauffacher was incapacitated by an operation for appendicitis.

Attendance

There was a very fine representation from all of the churches. Eighty-six churches were represented; 84 pastors registered; also 178 delegates, 67 ministers, five honorary members, and 102 visitors, making a grand total of 436.

Elections

Dr. E. D. Gaylord was honored by being chosen moderator for the coming year. He was elected by acclamation as no one else was nominated. The whole Conference is back of Dr. Gaylord in his new position as moderator. Other elections were as follows: Assistant moderator, Rev. C. L. Knight, Ontario; registration and statistical secretary, Rev. George F. Kenngott, Los Angeles; scribe, Rev. Samuel Hitchcock, Pilgrim, Los Angeles; assistant scribe, Rev. Wm. Forshaw, Plymouth, San Diego; preacher, Rev. Holland F. Burr, South Pasadena; alternate preacher, Rev. Carl Patton, First, L. A.; committee on program, Rev. J. H. Lash, Hollywood; committee on education, Mrs. Fred Doolittle, Hollywood, Mr. John R. Lyons, Claremont (terms expiring 1933) and Mrs. E. D. Gaylord, Messiah (term expiring 1931). Delegates to National Council, terms expiring in 1935: Mrs. James H. Lash, Hollywood; Mrs. John Gardner, Riverside.

The new members of the board of directors elected at this meeting are as follows:

Pastors, term expiring in 1933: Rev. E. A. Thompson, First, Pasadena; Rev. A. D. Stauffacher, Claremont. Laymen: Dr. A. E. Abrams, La Jolla; Mr. Charles E. Spaulding, Messiah, L. A.; Mr. A. J. Cruikshank, Santa Ana; Mr. Frank H. Olmstead, Glendale; Mr. E. Y. Porter, Riverside; and Mr. Glenn Wright, Corona.

Pastors, term expiring in 1932: Rev. Chester Ferris, Chula Vista; Rev. L. H. Austin, Burbank. Laymen: Dr. A. H. Weitkamp, Mt. Hollywood, Los Angeles.

Women, term expiring in 1932: Mrs. Daniel Turpit, Whittier.

Women, term expiring in 1931: Mrs. A. M. Hanson, Glendale.

Resignations

The resignation of Dr. Roy Campbell from the West Coast of Mexico Board was accepted with regret; Mr. Frank H. Olmstead of Glendale was elected in his place. The resignation of Mr. Fred M. Wilcox, as treasurer, was deeply regretted, but recognizing the fact that his health would not permit him to "carry on," no move was made to urge him to remain—much as this might have been desired. Mr. Charles E. Spaulding of Los Angeles was elected as treasurer to succeed Mr. Wilcox.

Dr. Kenngott Granted "Leave of Absence"

Deep regret was expressed at the illness of Superintendent George F. Kenngott, and he was voted a six months' "leave of absence," beginning June 1, in the hope that at the expiration of that time, he would be able to carry on his work as heretofore. In the interim the administration of Conference affairs was placed in the hands of an administrative committee, composed of the moderator of the Conference, Rev. E. D. Gaylord; the president of the Extension Society, Mr. Blake Franklin; and Rev. H. C. Ide of the San Bernardino Association, this committee to have full charge of the Conference work during the absence of Dr. Kenngott.

Pilgrim Place Entertains Delegates

One hundred and seventy-five ministers of the four associations of the Congregational Churches of Southern California, residing outside of Claremont, with their wives, were invited guests of the officers of the Pilgrim Place Association at a luncheon on Monday in the Mary H. Porter Memorial Home in Pilgrim Place. Those who were not acquainted with recent developments of Pilgrim Place were astonished at what they saw; beautiful homes, elegant equipment, ample space for enlargement. Everything pointed toward the making of Pilgrim Place as a unique center of religious and missionary thought.

It is the plan of the Pilgrim Place Association to launch a "big gifts" campaign in Southern California, beginning this month. This effort will seek to enlist the support of those who can give $5,000 or more; simultaneously, if possible, they plan to carry on the campaign among all other prospects within the confines of the Conference. Mr. Roy H. Tolleson is in charge of the campaign. He is hoping to secure at least two $50,000 gifts; four $25,000 gifts; five $10,000 gifts; ten $5,000 gifts, and 50 $1,000 gifts. Citizens of Claremont have already contributed to this enterprise over $24,000 and more is expected from that source. After conducting the campaign in Southern California, it is planned to carry a similar campaign into Oregon, Washington, Colorado and other places. Certainly, this is a project worth the endorsement, good-will and financial help of all.

The Banquet

Tuesday evening the Conference enjoyed a banquet served in the Frary Hall. No place could have been better for such a banquet. Mr. Blake Franklin, moderator, presided; Professor Frank P. Brackett gave the address of welcome to the delegates on behalf of Pomona College; Dr. R. M. Story spoke for Claremont Colleges and Dean Isabelle A. Smith for Scripps College. The prize-winning Men's Glee Club of Pomona College, under the direction of Professor Ralph H. Lyman, gave many delightful selections and were encored enthusiastically.

The Forward Movement Campaign

After considerable discussion, the Conference voted to "lay aside the Forward Movement as an active campaign, leaving the way open for special gifts from time to time." This does not mean that we are not going forward, for it was the feeling of all that it was important for our Conference to go forward and that money would be necessary for new projects. All gifts and pledges already made are to be conserved and new gifts to be sought.

Wet or Dry

Dr. Briggs presented in five minutes the message of the Anti-Saloon League, and showed that prohibition was having the fight of its life, and unless Christian people stood back of this organization at this critical time, grave consequences might result. The Christian church can bring about real prohibition, if it wishes.

High Lights

Mrs. E. D. Gaylord gave a remarkable address on the subject "Are We Truly Educating Our Youth." Many requests have come in for copies of that address. It was well worth keeping. Rev. Erwin L. Shaver of Boston, speaking on "Whither Bound in Religious Education," spoke along similar lines, so that the education of our youth was prominent in this Conference. The address of Dr. Herman F. Swartz, president of the Pacific School of Religion, who told of world movements as seen on his trip around the world, emphasized the need for supporting our foreign missionary enterprises. He was followed by Rev. Lewis T. Reed of New York, who brought out the absolute necessity of our carrying through the "Plan of Advance" in raising the $400,000 necessary to insure the securing of the $200,000 conditional pledges raised by the Laymen's Advisory Committee. The closing address of the Conference was given by Rev. John Whittier Darr of Claremont on the "Quickened Life." It was a fitting close for a wonderful Conference.

Meetings With Shaver

Church school workers in the Southern California Congregational Conference were greatly benefited by the recent visit of Rev. Erwin L. Shaver, national secretary of leadership training of our denomination. Mr. Shaver began his schedule of addresses by speaking on the subject, "Whither Bound in Religious Education," at the annual meeting of the Conference, on Monday evening, May 12. Following the annual meeting he addressed various district gatherings on successive evenings in the order as follows: Church of the Messiah, Southwest Los Angeles District; Oneonta, Pasadena District; Whittier, Long Beach District; First Church San Diego, San Diego District; Claremont, San Bernardino District. He also preached at Claremont and Mt. Hollywood, and gave a special address to an interdenominational group in Glendale. At Claremont an intensive training course was given for five successive evenings on the "Principles of Teaching," with some ten churches of that area participating. The course was given for two hours each evening, so that those attending could secure international credit, with an average enrollment of 45.

Interest in religious education among our churches has been greatly stimulated by Mr. Shaver's visit, and it is hoped that his effort will result in a definite plan of denominational training for the next year. We only wish that our national officers could come to the Pacific Coast more often and give us the splendid leadership that Mr. Shaver has afforded.

BARGAIN SALE

Watch for the big bargain sale in books at the Conference Book Room. Miss Doyle is mailing notices that will be of interest to all who desire new books at lowest prices. Such an opportunity may not come again soon.

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ASILOMAR

"Asilomar, I sing of thee
Among the pines beside the sea."

Many of our people know the beautiful resort on Monterey Bay for a place of spiritual refreshment and rest. The M. E. M. Conference at Asilomar comes this year July 8 to 18. The cost will be about $45 including registration, boarding, lodging and transportation. Out there among the pine woods makes a wonderful vacation. Adults and young people of college age, or older, will find it a great privilege to be there. This conference is different from any other in the state in that it is not only interdenominational, but concentrates on the missionary appeal, information and inspiration.

This year our study will be on India. Dr. Stanley Hunter will lead a course entitled "India Looks to Her Future." At this time when the attention of the whole world is centered on the conditions in India, it is an especially fine opportunity for those who attend this conference. Rev. Walter Getty, conference and leadership training secretary of the M. E. M., New York City, will be one of the speakers. A wonderful faculty has been arranged for. Send in your reservations to the M. E. M. Office, 200 Y. M. C. A. Building, Pasadeno, or to 606 Spreckels Building, Los Angeles.

TOUR TO JAPAN AND CHINA

Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Gaylord are taking a party to the Orient. They will sail on one of the largest boats on the Pacific, the Chichibu Maru, leaving Los Angeles June 25. This party will have at least ten days in Japan, possibly a week more; also eight days in China, with a side trip to Manila. It is a wonderful opportunity. On the voyage they will have lectures by Mr. Wm. M. Vories, for 20 years missionary in Japan, and by Mr. E. V. Yoshida, who knows Japan from the Japanese point of view. This whole trip will cost less than $600. There is still an opportunity for anyone who wishes to avail themselves of this trip to become a member of the party by communicating with Dr. Gaylord, 2283 W. 21st Street, Los Angeles. Anyone is eligible, old or young. Don't miss this opportunity to see the Orient.

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POMONA VALLEY MEXICAN WORK

The Conference Mexican work has received a distinct stimulus recently in three different ways, as reported by Rev. C. E. Crawford, superintendent.

First was the inauguration on April 29 of a finely equipped playground in Pomona, adjacent to the church property. It is adequately lighted for night games, and is equipped for baseball, basketball and handball. The total cost was about $2,250, oversubscribed locally, and the ground has sprung into immediate popularity with the Mexican boys and young men. Mr. J. V. Pacillas, part time worker at Puente, has been employed for full time, and is in charge of supervised play. He is taking hold of the work in a way that promises large results.

May 15-18 the Pomona church entertained the Interdenominational Mexican Convention of Southern California. The meetings were held in Pilgrim Congregational Church, the whole of the beautiful plant having been put at the disposal of the Mexican guests in a fine spirit of brotherhood. The other churches of the city cooperated in the entertainment of delegates, and the utmost cordiality reigned. Speakers included Mr. James H. Batten of Claremont, director of the Inter-America Foundation, Mayor C. C. Caves of Pomona, Rev. Luther Freeman, pastor of Pilgrim Church, and Rev. Chester Montague, president of the Ministerial Union.

It was the largest and one of the most enthusiastic of all the meetings in the 23 years of the convention's history, with over a thousand delegates in attendance from all parts of Southern California. The program was arranged with special sessions for children and their mothers, a model Sunday school with demonstration of methods of dramatization of Bible stories, evangelistic services in the evenings, and separate sections for children, young people and older folks, with departmental conferences on Sunday afternoon. The entertaining of this convention has greatly enhanced Congregational influence in interdenominational councils, and especially so since Rev. C. E. Crawford, Pomona pastor, was elected president for next year's convention in Long Beach.

The third great stimulus for our work was the visit of Rev. Manuel Elias of Hermosillo, Mexico, president of the Congregational Mission Board of the West Coast. He was with us a month and spoke not only in special meetings arranged in the Mexican churches, but also in important gatherings such as the Pasadena meeting of Women's Societies, the annual meeting of the Conference, the Interdenominational Mexican Convention, as well as several American churches. All of his messages centered around his strong conviction that there is a positive need for the work we are trying to do both in Mexico and California, and his clear and forceful presentation of this idea on so many occasions was decidedly helpful.

C. E. CRAWFORD.

LETTER FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Dear Brother:

I need about a hundred song books, and thought to ask whether you have some which you have set aside and which you could ship out to us. Any number you send will be welcome.

Of course, when I make a request like this I cannot choose which song book I want. Whatever you have been using for your church or Sunday school will be a choice selection. I want the beautiful hymns of faith and consecration, like "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," and do not care for jazz set to sacred words. But you do not care for that either, so what you send will help.

We have a congregation of Filipinos here in Lanao—most of them students. I am only sorry that I did not make the appeal earlier for I do not know what we will do when school opens in June. I think we will print hymns from week to week with our press, until some books arrive.

And with the books will not your church and yourself send a prayer for the Moros? As I thought of their distance from God and of the vast work which lies ahead in bringing them up and also in saving them from the dangerous vices of civilization, I wanted to weep this morning. They are energetic people, full of promise, with a civilization of their own, but that will crumble presently, and then God help us to be worthy to meet the crisis.

And I too send a prayer for you. It is harder to keep the spiritual fires burning, I think, in America, than it is here.

Cordially,

FRANK LAUBACH.

RACE PREJUDICE

The Santa Maria Japanese are facing a very trying situation. Four denominations, the Presbyterian, Methodist, Christian and Congregationalists, have united in starting a work in that area. The School Board of Santa Maria loaned us an old building, free of rent, but recently sold this building, making it necessary for us to find a new location.

The Japanese Christians in Santa Maria discovered a beautiful location, three corner lots one block from the main part of the Japanese district. This is a corner lot with a five-room bungalow on it, suitable, with remodeling, for meeting place and parsonage; the total cost being $2,600. We had secured an option on this fine location. The Japanese were raising money. Our Conference voted $500, Methodists and Presbyterians a similar amount. There was every prospect for securing this elegant location but the people of Santa Maria started petitions against our securing this lot for a church. Considerable agitation and much anti-Japanese feeling has been aroused and we have been compelled to give up the purchase of this property because of race prejudice. Isn't it a pity that Americans allow prejudice to stand in the way of the advancement of the Kingdom of God?

LA CANADA CHURCH AS HOST

The fourth annual conference of the Southern California Council on International Relations was held at the Community Church of La Canada Valley, on Saturday, May 24. The program began with a luncheon at 12:30, where Mrs. Seward A. Simons (who represented California at the Washington Conference) spoke on the cause and cure of war; Mr. George Gleason, president of the council, presided at the open forum in the afternoon; Henry K. Chang, Chinese consul-general at San Francisco, spoke on conditions in China; Rev. C. E. Rankin Barnes, who attended the Seminar in Mexico in 1929, spoke on "Does the Mexican Immigrant Leave His Background or Bring It With Him?"; "Anti-Filipino Race Riots in California" was discussed by Dr. E. S. Bogardus of the University of Southern California. The conference was a great success and the plans for the future should make for better international understanding.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NOTES

The parsonage at Porterville has been completely renovated and made comfortable, convenient and attractive. The pastor and Mrs. B. Dent Naylor are now happily located in it.

A special patriotic memorial service was held at the Fruitvale Church Sunday morning, May 25, with representatives from the G. A. R., Relief Corps, Daughters of Veterans and other patriotic societies. Besides musical numbers and readings of a very enjoyable character, Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, delivered an address on Lincoln.

Word has reached this office of the death of Mrs. William J. Speers, the widow of one of our well-known and beloved ministers.

Palm Sunday was a day long to be remembered in our Grass Valley Church when 35 new members united, including an entire family of six persons, parents and children. Splendid congregations were present at all services during the month of April.

Rev. Henry Stauffer who has been supplying at Antioch, has accepted the call as permanent pastor and will take residence on the field, September 1.

Rev. Benjamin F. Sargent is supplying the church at Guerneville during the summer. Special services have been arranged for Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Pentecost.

Rev. Harold S. Davidson has been invited to supply the church at Lodi during the summer. Prof. Dwayne Orton of the College of the Pacific has been in charge of the services during the winter and spring.

Dr. William J. Minchin, formerly Superintendent of the Northern California Congregational Conference, is enjoying improved health and serving as pastor of the church at Santa Barbara for six months.

A large group of friends and relatives gathered as guests for dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Leiter on the evening of May 6 to help celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Many well-merited words of appreciation of the loyalty of Mr. and Mrs. Leiter to the work of the Kingdom of God were expressed by those present and hearty wishes were extended for many happy and useful years.

"SPINDRIFT"

By

FLORENCE MARY BENNET

(The Mosher Press). $1.75

The author is widely known for her novels, "An Off-Islander" and "The Garland of Defeat," and for her archaeological study, "Religious Cults Associated With the Amazons." But "Spindrift," her latest book, is a collection of poems, closing with a prose epilogue.

The verses are gathered in five sections: "Salt Spindrift," "Greek Memories," "Experiments in Paraphraze," "The Fourth Dimension," "A Homely Rose Jar."

The author shows profundity as well as poetic flow. She sings of modern as well as ancient themes, with virility and lucidness. A spiritual note runs through her lines, as illustrated by such stanzas as this:

"I claim the world's chalice of joy and of sorrow
To drink and arise
Nobler and purer, bearing all burdens,
High to the skies."

—R. E.